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William Thornton, Alexander White, and Tristam Dalton, Commissioners to Thomas Jefferson, June 1, 1801, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Commissioners to Jefferson

Commissioner's Office 1st. June 1801.

Sir,

We have taken into consideration the prospect of an increased Representation in Congress, and have concluded that the present House will not, after the next apportionment of Members be Sufficient for their accommodation. We in consequence requested Mr. Hoban to sketch plans or Estimates of a Building which may temporarily answer that purpose; — he has made out Estimates on three different plans, and will wait on you to give any explanations that may be required to enable you to form an opinion of the propriety of adopting any of them if means cannot be obtained to finish the South Wing. We are, &c.

W. Thornton

A. White

T. Dalton

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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